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Sir:

On November 8, 2006, the Examiner Sing granted Applicants' representative, Timothy J. Wall, a telephonic interview to discuss the rejections of the claims in the Official Action mailed September 20, 2006. Applicants' appreciate Examiner Sing's willingness to discuss the claims in view of the cited references and his suggestions regarding distinctive features recited in Applicants' disclosure. While unwilling to agree to any presently allowable content, Examiner Sing and Applicants' representative identified additional claim language that might be allowable, depending on the results of a subsequent search. Additional distinguishing language that was discussed includes limiting the VAD device module as "located in a customer premises or device." In method claims, a similar recitation can be included such that a call is initiated by a VAD instruction "in a user device." Examiner Sing was unwilling to identify any combinations of existing claims as presently allowable. Examiner Sing indicated that claim amendments according to the above discussion should be filed in an RCE.

Applicants respectfully appreciate Examiner Sing's assistance in discussing the rejections and efforts to advance the prosecution in the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

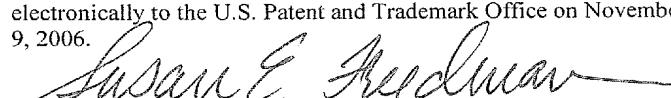


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